

# RIVERVIEW *Neighborhood Association*

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**RNA**

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*For a Better Life in the Heights*

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## Election Night at RNA

Annual elections for RNA officers will be held on Tuesday, March 9th at our monthly meeting. Nominations were opened at the February meeting and will remain open until prior to the vote.

Nominated thus far are:

**Chair:** Becky Hoffman

**Vice-Chair:** Kern Weissman

**Treasurer:** Roger Heitmann

**Secretary:** Monya McCarty

**Sgt. At Arms:** Joseph Guevara

To be eligible to vote, you must be eighteen years old or older, **paid your annual membership dues** and live or own property within the constitutional boundaries of RNA. The Association's boundaries are Paterson Plank Road on the east, New York Avenue on the west, Cuneo Place on the South and Congress Street on the north.

To run for office, an individual, in addition to the above qualifications, must be a current resident living within RNA's boundaries and be an active member of RNA.

All RNA members are encouraged to vote in the annual elections.

## Rodney Hadley, Reschedules

Due to a personal emergency, Rodney Hadley, the Director of the Jersey City Department of Public Works, could not attend last month's meeting. We have rescheduled for \_\_\_\_\_. The DPW is responsible for supporting and improving Jersey City's infrastructure, including the maintenance and repair of:

- Jersey City roads - potholes, broken curbs
- City-owned buildings
- Motorized equipment, including police and fire vehicles
- City parks - trees, playgrounds, ball courts
- Traffic signals and signage

You will have an opportunity to ask the Director your favorite maintenance questions if you attend this month's meeting. The Department can be reached at 201 547-4402 or visit [http://www.cityofjerseycity.com/public\\_works.aspx](http://www.cityofjerseycity.com/public_works.aspx)

## JC residents getting it from all sides

On Feb. 24th, the City Council held a public hearing on the fiscal 2010 municipal budget (for the year starting July 1, 2009 ending June 30, 2010). Hundreds of residents came out to express their displeasure with a budget that includes a 25%-30% tax increase. We encourage all RNA members and friends to pay attention to the budget hearings and get involved. The Council did not vote on the budget at the Feb. meeting. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 10th at 6PM at City Hall, 280 Grove Street. For an excellent recap of the last meeting, please visit the Jersey City Independent at [www.jerseycityindependent.com](http://www.jerseycityindependent.com).

Residents and local businesses are also dealing with a 24% jump in their overall water/sewer bill starting January 2010. The combined water/sewer rate went from this year's estimated \$6.57 per 100 cubic feet to \$8.15 per 100 cubic feet. JC Municipal Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners voted to raise the rate at its Oct. 2009 meeting. The Central Avenue Special Improvement District wrote extensively about the hike in its Winter 2010 newsletter. Go to [www.JCHeights.com](http://www.JCHeights.com) to download the article. Please write to your councilperson, the local papers and attend community and City Council meetings to let your opinions be known about these increases.

## We thought you'd never ask

"How would YOU fix New Jersey?" Hudson County members of the State Assembly would like to know.

Assembly members Joan Quigley, D-Jersey City, Caridad Rodriguez, D-West New York, Vincent Prieto, D-Secaucus, Ruben Ramos, D-Hoboken, Anthony Chiappone, D-Bayonne, and Charles Mainor, D-Jersey City, want to know what residents want to do to cut taxes, maintain services and improve the quality of life in New Jersey.

The hearing will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, in the county freeholders' chamber at 567 Pavonia Ave. in Jersey City. Members of the public will be heard in the order that they sign up at the meeting.

## **Journal Sq. Public Meeting**

At the Feb. 9th planning board meeting, the latest Journal Square Redevelopment Plan was on the agenda. After the public hearing was opened and a few speakers went forward, the Planning Board voted to carry the discussion to a March 16th and asked the Planning Department to meet with the community prior to that date to review the plans. **The Public Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9th at 6PM at City Hall (280 Grove Street).** This is the same evening as the monthly RNA meeting but we encourage residents to start out downtown and then come to our meeting. If passed as written, the plan addresses the heart of Journal Square, but has no vision for what the Square should be like and would allow very dense buildings with no height restrictions. A copy of the proposed plan is available on our website at [www.riverviewneighborhood.org](http://www.riverviewneighborhood.org).

## **2010 Census**

Need a job? The 2010 Census is hiring part-time office and field workers in Jersey City and Bayonne. To schedule an employment test call 201-285-0150 - tell them that RNA sent you. Hourly pay is \$15-\$20/hour. For more information go to [www.census2010.gov](http://www.census2010.gov).

**RNA ELECTIONS - THIS MONTH!**

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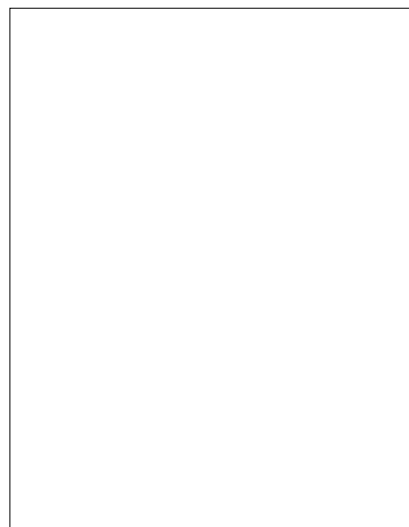
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## COMING EVENTS

### Next RNA Meeting:

Tuesday, March 9th at 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Harbor View Health Care Center  
1st Floor Cafeteria  
178 Ogden Avenue



### Membership Dues

Membership dues and donations help sustain the RNA. Annual dues are \$10 for residents and \$15 for those outside RNA boundaries. Please contribute at an RNA meeting or make checks payable to Riverview Neighborhood Association and mail c/o RNA, 154 Ogden Ave., 3E, Jersey City, NJ 07307.